in a moral and spiritual sense - lies In their being faithful to their character or nature. Where there Is a betrayal of the self, either because of one's own deficiencies, or because of forces over which one has no control, self "destruction or suicide becomes a tragic necessity. It is the betrayal of his artistic self, through his bondage to his passions, which prompts Roderick to commit suicide. Newman remains true to himself by 'magnanimously rejecting the idea of revenge. Prompted by fidelity to her true self, Gertrude marries Felix, and not Mr. Brand. Angela opens the eyes of Gordon to the requirements of his nature, and thereby ensures his happiness. Isabel returns to her husband, respecting the choice she had made according to the dictates of her nature.